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<b>Notification of Non-Compliance With 37 CFR 1.192(c)</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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The Appeal Brief filed on 06 July 2004 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following three **TIME PERIODS**: (1) **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) **TWO MONTHS** from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. **EXTENSIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.**

1.  The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 1.192(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2.  The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).
3.  At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).
4.  The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).
5.  The brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).
6.  A single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
  - (a)  the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
  - (b)  the brief includes the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet does not present arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
7.  The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).
8.  The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).
9.  Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

Relative to the status of the amendments, it is noted that only the status of the amendments filed subsequent to the last final rejection are required. Relative to the issues, there is a single issue since all of the claims are rejected in a single rejection using one set of references. Relative to the grouping of claims not having a separate argument, examiner points to MPEP 1206 which requires that Appellant explain why the claims of each group are separately patentable. In discussing the grouping of claims in this section of the MPEP it states that merely "pointing out differences in what the claims cover is not an argument as to why the claims are separately patentable". With the separate groups, it appears that in addition to the arguments related to claims 1 and 4, applicant has simply pointed out the difference in the claims rather than presenting arguments that the claims are separately patentable from claims 1 and 4. It is noted that as of September 13, 2004, new rules took effect that will change some of the requirements regarding the form and content of the appeal brief. Appellant will be required to follow the new rules. The new rules are available from the USPTO web site.

  
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